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The Honorable Joe Manchin  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Manchin:

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Thank you again for your letter. Please contact me if you have further questions, or your staff may contact Carolyn Levine in the EPA's Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations at [levine.carolyn@epa.gov](mailto:levine.carolyn@epa.gov) or 202-564-1859.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable John Barrasso, M.D.  
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United States Senate  
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